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REMARKS

Claims 1-110 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-43, 50, 54, 60-96, 100, 103, and 106-110 are cancelled. Claims 44, 51-53, 56, 59, 97, 98, 101, 104 and 105 are amended. Upon entry of the amendment claims 44-49, 51-53, 55-59, 97-99, 101, 102, 104, and 105 will be pending.

Independent claim 44 has been amended to include the limitations of allowed claim 54 an intervening claim 50. Independent claims 97 and 98 have been amended to include the limitations of allowed claim 103 and intervening claim 100. Dependent claims 51-53, 56, 59, 101, 104, and 105 have been amended to depend from claim 44 or claims 97 and 98.

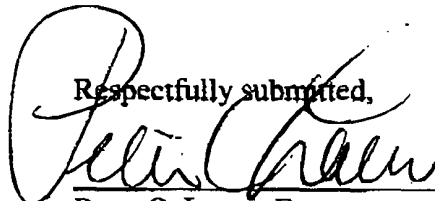
Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance because independent claim 44 includes the limitations of allowed claim 54 and intervening claim 50, and claims 97 and 98 include the limitations of allowed claim 103 and intervening claim 100. Claims 45-49, 51-53, 55-59, 99, 101, 102, 104 and 105 are allowable as dependent on allowable base claims 44, 97 and 98.

Attached hereto is a Declaration for Deposit requested in the Office Action in connection with the ATCC Deposits made and referenced in the instant application.

This amendment is not to be construed as acquiescence to any of the rejections set forth in the Office Action, and is made solely to expedite prosecution of the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the originally-filed claims in further patent applications.

If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 227-7400.

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